In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete paragraph [00040] and replace it with the following paragraph:

[00040] FIG. 1 shows characteristics of the *rat5* mutant: (A) stable transformation of wild-type *Arabidopsis* ecotype Ws, the *rat5* mutant, and the F1 progeny; (B) sequence of the *rat5*/T-DNA junction region **(SEQ ID NO: 1)**; (C) pattern of T-DNA integration in *rat5*: LB, T-DNA left border; RB, T-DNA right border; pBR322, pBR322 sequences containing the β-lactamase gene and ColE1 origin of replication; Tn903, kanamycin resistance gene for *E. coli* selection; Tn5, kanamycin resistance gene for plant selection.

Please delete paragraphs [00045] to [00047] and replace them with the following paragraphs:

[00045] FIG. 6(A-E) shows the cDNA sequences of HTA1 through HTA13 **(SEQ ID NOS: 2-14, respectively, in order of appearance)**. The coding region is highlighted in bold font and 5' and 3' UTR region in normal font.

[00046] FIG. 7 (A-B) shows the amino acid sequences of HTA1 through HTA13 **(SEQ ID NOS: 15-27, respectively, in order of appearance)**.

[00047] FIG. 8 (A-M) shows the genomic sequences of HTA1 through HTA13 **(SEQ ID NOS: 28-40, respectively, in order of appearance)**.